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Docket No.: 50427-729

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Hidetaka OSAWA, et al. :
Serial No.: 09/781,224 : Group Art Unit: 1743
Filed: February 13, 2001 : Examiner: GORDON, Brian R.
For: PIPETTING APPARATUS AND A METHOD OF PIPETTING A LIQUID

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

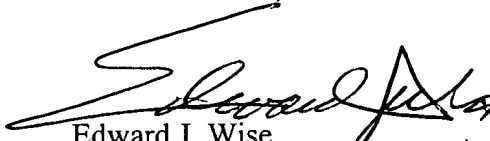
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Notice of Appeal dated December 24, 2002, now due to expire February 24, 2003, be extended for one month(s) and set to expire on March 24, 2003.

Please charge the extension fee of \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417 . Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

Respectfully submitted,

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